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[0024] 1. A method for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises the step of inserting a mechanical device or energy form to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other.

[0025] 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the mechanical device comprises a sharp edge or surface.

[0026] 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the mechanical device is comprised of a metal, gem, polymer, or other rigid material.

[0027] 4. The method of Claim 2, wherein a pressure bias causes the mechanical device to press against the information or data storage device.

[0028] 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the information or storage device is rotated.

[0029] 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein laser energy is focussed at a point between the first and second layers.

[0030] 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein thermal energy is used to separate the first and second layers.

[0031] 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein a chemical is used to separate the first and second layers.

[0032] 9. The method of Claim 1, wherein physical pressure is used to separate the first and second layers.

[0033] 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

[0034] 11. An apparatus for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, wherein the apparatus has means for inserting a mechanical device or energy form into the information or data storage device to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other.

[0035] 12. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the mechanical device comprises a sharp edge or surface.

[0036] 13. The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein the mechanical device is comprised of a metal, gem, polymer, or other rigid material.

[0037] 14. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein a pressure bias causes the mechanical device to press against the information or data storage device.

[0038] 15. The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the information or storage device can be rotated.

[0039] 16. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein laser energy is focussed at a point between the first and second layers.

[0040] 17. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein thermal energy is used to separate the first and second layers.

[0041] 18. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein a chemical is used to separate the first and second layer.

[0042] 19. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein physical pressure is used to separate the first and second layers.

[0043] 20. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

[0044] 21. A method of destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises the steps of:

[0045] (a) inserting a mechanical device or energy form to carve the first and second layers to separate from each other; and

[0046] (b) treating one or both of the first and second layers to render them inoperable of storing or carrying information or data.

[0047] 22. The method of Claim 21, wherein in step (b) the first or second layer is reduced to small particle size pieces.